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For: CABLE TIE WITH WIDE NECK )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.56**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Attorney for the Applicants wish to submit the following references listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56.

U.S. Patent No. Des. 372,665, granted to Kim on August 13, 1996, Reference AA, discloses a cable tie.

U.S. Patent No. 3,186,047, granted to D.P. Schwester, et al. on June 1, 1965, Reference AB, discloses a self clinching bundling strap.

U.S. Patent No. 3,408,699, granted to Reynolds on Nov. 5, 1968, Reference AC, discloses a bundling strap.

U.S. Patent No. 3,457,598, granted to Mariani on July 29, 1969, Reference AD, discloses a self-clinching bundling strap.

U.S. Patent No. 3,486,200, granted to Orenick on Dec. 30, 1969, Reference AE, discloses a cable strap.

U.S. Patent No. 3,488,813, granted to Kohke on Jan. 13, 1970, Reference AF, discloses a bundling strap.

U.S. Patent No. 3,490,104, granted to Kabel on Jan. 20, 1970, Reference AG, discloses cable clamps.

U.S. Patent No. 4,875,647, granted to Takagi et al. on Oct. 24, 1989, Reference AH, discloses a cable tie.

U.S. Patent No. 5,193,251, granted to Fortsch on March 16, 1993, Reference AI, discloses a cable tie having improved locking barb.

U.S. Patent No. 5,317,787, granted to Fortsch. on June 7, 1994, Reference AJ, discloses a cable tie having improved tail gripping and holding feature.

U.S. Patent No. 5,517,727, granted to Bernard, et al. on May 21, 1996, Reference AK, discloses a low thread force cable tie.

U.S. Patent No. 5,517,728, granted to Woods on May 21, 1996, Reference AL, discloses cable ties.

U.S. Patent No. 5,630,252, granted to Wells on May 20, 1997, Reference AM, discloses a cable tie having an improved strap body.

U.S. Patent No. 5,774,944, granted to Choi on July 7, 1998, Reference AN, discloses a band cable easily released from coupling state.

U.S. Patent No. 5,781,975, granted to Wells, Jr. et al. on July 21, 1998, Reference AO, discloses a flexible platform for cable tie barb.

U.S. Patent No. 5,815,891, granted to Students et al. on Oct. 6, 1998, Reference AP,  
discloses a cable tie with bent barb.

U.S. Patent No. 5,890,265, granted to Christian et al. on April 6, 1999, Reference AQ,  
discloses a parallel entry tie.

U.S. Patent No. 6,076,234, granted to Khokhar et al. on June 20, 2000, Reference AR,  
discloses an in-line cable tie.

The claims of the present invention are believed to be patentably distinct from the art listed  
above.

Respectfully submitted,

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